

79TH DIVISION BOYS HOMEWARD BOUND

Pennsylvania and Maryland Selectives Marching Through France to Sail in June

Seventy-ninth Division boys are homeward bound.

They are marching through northern France toward the Atlantic coast, where ships are waiting to bring them home.

The division is made up of Pennsylvania and Maryland selectives who trained at Camp Meade.

In the last issue of the Lorraine Cross, the Seventy-ninth's own publication, all the hopes and plans of the boys were aired from many angles.

Optimism reigned in the division as far back as a month ago when the men started to march in a southerly direction from Soissons.

A copy of the Lorraine Cross has just been received from Corporal William F. Kunz, 3740 North Marshall street, who is among the many Philadelphians in the Seventy-ninth.

He is attached to Company I, 315th Infantry.

Writing from Rheims, Kunz says: "The Seventy-ninth Division just completed a big movement, having hiked from Soissons, the former fighting area, to the Aubelet area.

The distance of the hike was approximately sixty-two miles. The movement was slow as the comfort of the men was the first consideration.

"The hike was totally unlike those of war days. There were hot meals each day and fairly comfortable quarters each night.

The regiment is now comfortably settled where the sun is more generous with its rays. The ground is not muddy, and for the first time since we struck France, we have running water and electric lights.

All the men are in good spirits, knowing that the time is fast approaching for their return home."

In conclusion Corporal Kunz hints that the men will start home early in June, or possibly before that.

How the Seventy-ninth Division made good in the little things as well as the big is told in an editorial which appears in the April 10 copy of "The Lorraine Cross."

"The Seventy-ninth in the matter of efficiency spirit stands with the best in the A. E. F.," says the editorial.

"Our fighting record is excellent and we played a big part in the last month of the war, in convincing the Hun he was licked beyond any question. In all departments there has been the biggest sort of development since those days of long ago when the first of us turned up at Camp Meade.

Little things, though, are the key to the future.

"From the start this division forged steadily ahead and thank God, did not disappoint those who sent its officers and men forward to take, first Montfaucon, and then Hill 378. They were the big things—the high spots, as it were—and we made good."

"In the little things it's just the same. Though the fighting is over and home comes ever nearer, there has been no let up in the excellent work of everybody. The daily training schedules are carried through with pep and snap; all the towns we've ever occupied have been cleaned up like new; our transportation is a joy to look at and neatness and precision are general in all outfits. Our record of the fighting days and of those days following them is wonderful. Keep it up."

"It means something to be a Seventy-ninth man."

RING FIGHTER PROVED O. K. IN TEST WITH HEAVY TANKS

"Monte Britt" as Private Wisner, 301st Tank Corp. — Only "Heavies" on Line—Saw Job Through and Won D. S. C.

THE honor of having seen active service with a heavy tank corps is not possessed by many Americans for the reason that only one such corps ever saw action.

Private Robert F. Wisner, 1915 North Eighteenth street, is one of the lucky ones, however, and he has also to his credit a D. S. C., presented for conspicuous bravery under fire, to say nothing of two citations which he shares with the handful of his comrades who survived.

Private Wisner went over with the Sixty-fifth Engineers, but was transferred to the 301st Tank Corps, among whose ranks he has been since he landed in England and was then assigned to the English sector between Cambrai and Chateau Thierry.

Throughout the war this portion of the Hindenburg line had held and it wasn't until the 29th of September, after the Americans and French had broken through, that this sector finally achieved its desire.

Orders were given them to be ready at 1:30 in the morning, and thus by moonlight forty-eight tanks "kicked off." They had 5500 yards to gain and they accomplished their task, but only five tanks were intact at the end, though several more were salvaged later.

Private Wisner's tank was hit squarely, and of its crew, ten men and an officer, only two escaped; Wisner and another private. Both knew a little something about machine guns and they advanced with the infantry, attempting to use machine guns as they advanced.

When these were smashed by German bullets, they called into play rifles and even pistols.

From one line of trenches, Private Wisner led a detachment of twenty men "on his own" when their officers were compelled to stay behind. Being a "tanker" gave him prestige.

One brave officer of his, Captain Varney, a former Klondike miner, remarked to Wisner:

"I understand you're a tough man, is that so? Well, follow me, and I'll see how tough you are."

"I followed him, though not very closely," says Wisner. "He was killed at the head of his troops. They found his body, but never his head. He was a real man, not a stickler for form, but a born fighter."

Another officer for whom Private Wisner cannot say enough is Major Ralph Sasse, who also received a Distinguished Service Medal. All of the officers of the corps insisted on going over the top themselves, orders or no orders.

For their bravery here at Bony, the entire regiment of the corps were given two citations by the British, who couldn't say enough for their spirit.

The citations consisted of a tank insignia on the arm and a yellow and red ribbon on the shoulder. The 301st was the only American tank corps so honored.

From the engagement on September 29 up to the time of the armistice, Wisner was almost uninterruptedly on the front line.

In February he received his D. S. C. and arrived home in March. He is now out of service. Wisner has been in the prize-fighting game since he was fifteen years old. He was known as "Monte Britt" of Cleveland, and had an excellent record in the ring.

While in the service he won the heavyweight championship of the battalion in Soissons, France, on Christmas Day.

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Chestnut street; Jose Couche, 648 North Forty-third street; and John H. Carter, 283 North Lawrence street. Philadelphians on other vessels arriving today were Samuel H. Rossan, 905 North Broad street; Clarence E. Sherwood, 2747 South Seventeenth street; John J. Sessinger, Chester; Frank L. Owens, 6013 Summer street; John J. Wentzel, 2434 Natrona street; Alphonsus Bruce, 3025 Water street; Joseph Fernandez, 315 East Third street; Morris Adan, 1014 Jackson street.

Samuel English, 1803 Bridge street; Elvin E. Johnson, 439 North Mary street; Charles Kerber, 1231 North Packer street; Harry Kruppe, 1912 South Tenth street; William Miller, 519 Dickson street; Frank Ordle, 331 South Lawrence street; James J. Peters, 2610 Warnock street; Frederick Schmidt, 1433 Lockland street; William Stinger, 1330 South Phillips street.

Maurice A. Tuft, 1747 South Fifty-fourth street; Henry Erb, 1841 North Marvino street; Albert B. Ilova, 1108 Beechwood street; Dennis J. Shields, 5733 3156 Edgemont street; John Manning, Jr., 616 West Eleonore street; William Ferguson, 272 Polson street; William Craig, 2327 Harland street; Michael Roche, 2304 Stanley street.

Richard A. Quinn, 2231 South Front street; Joseph Williams, 441 Grison street; James Ellis, 215 South Darion street; James Reid, 2811 North Second street; Robert T. Smith, 4633 North Front street; Antonio Szele,

2827 Almond street; Charles Petrosky, 231 Fairmount avenue; Alexander Mancinich, 2358 Margaret street. Joseph Bohorofski, 2947 A street; Alfred J. Weaver, 1217 South Fifty-ninth street; Elwood P. Manning, 317 West Duncannon avenue; Charles Flanagan, 4515 East Thompson street; George E. Williams, 3025 North Fifth street; John C. Donohue, 1231 North Thirteenth street; Louis Carls, 4119 Ledy avenue; William Bell, 3421 North Orianna street.

Larry Waldron, 3327 North Second street; Aloise F. Cifelli, 2851 North Leithgow street; Frank Mondross, 509 Reed street; Clifford Gibbs, 239 North Warnock street; Harry V. Kant, 2433

South Sixteenth street; William B. Nighttinger, 5822 Tulip street; Christopher Nostrell, 5127 Sharrowood street; Pierce Gyselinch, 6070 Beechwood street; Norwood Morrow, 6032 Spruce street.

William Schull, 5117 Tulip street; John J. Callaghan, 716 North Thirty-sixth street; Edward Costello, 5120 Melrose street; Gustave Murphy, 5112 Thompson street; Harry Schmidt, 5027 North Fifth street; Joseph W. Trout, 1841 East Tioga street; Frank H. Adams, 5906 North Muscher street; Thomas F. Maher, 2514 South Warr street; Vincent M. Hitchin, 3230 North Lee street; Frank W. Bauer, 139 East Lowden street; Donato Tumolo, 1213

Emily street; Simon Liftea, 4134 West Girard avenue, and John O'Connor, 3371 Emerald street.

Advertisement for LUDEN'S throat lozenges, featuring a logo and the text "For the Throat Give Quick Relief".

Advertisement for ROYAL Baking Powder, titled "The Value of Home-baked Foods". It describes the benefits of home-baked foods and promotes the purity and quality of Royal Baking Powder, made from cream of tartar.

Large advertisement for Swift & Company, U.S.A., titled "The Flow of Meat". It discusses the challenges of moving live stock and how Swift's refrigerated transport systems solve the problem, highlighting their efficiency and profitability.

Advertisement for Jiffy-Jell, a lime-flavored dessert. It describes the product's taste and provides instructions for purchase and use.

Advertisement for Seeley's Adjusto Rupture Pad, a medical device designed to increase the efficiency of a truss by 50%.

Advertisement for a private secretary, offering a fully equipped individual for correspondence, dictation, and other office tasks.

Large advertisement for ATLANTIC GASOLINE, featuring an illustration of a tank truck and text promoting Atlantic as the symbol of service and power for trucks and cars.

Advertisement for The AMERICAN "Balanced Six" motor car, highlighting its construction, quality, and availability through Penn-American Motor Car Co. in Philadelphia.